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This folder contains correspondence to and from Grace Miller Hitchcock, sister of Mina Miller Edison. The three selected letters cover the years 1914 and 1931. An undated letter from Edith Edison Potter mentions the Edison family's 1914 "camping expedition" into the Everglades of Florida, in which Henry and Clara Ford also participated. An undated letter to Mina, probably written early in 1931, relates to the treatment of Grace and her sister Mary Nichols at the Battle Creek Sanitarium in Miami Springs, Florida. Also included is letter of sympathy from Charles Arthur Carlisle in regard to the death of Thomas Edison.

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[F5D04A], Letter from Edith Clarissa Edison to Grace A Miller, March 1914

Title
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Editor's Notes
Supplied year and month

Author
Edison, Edith Clarissa

Recipient
Miller, Grace A

Mentioned

- Waymouth, Grace Cromwell
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Miller, Lewis Alexander
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Nichols, William Wallace
- Potter, Frank Allen
- Ford, Clara Bryant (Mrs Henry)

Date
1914-03-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Travel (TAE and family)

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76 Kimwood Ave.
East Orange

My dear Gracie:

I've been a long time writing you 76 & I can tell you to write you, and tell you how sorry I was that I missed you, & began waiting for the trolley at 4th & East 13th and the first that came was filled with Phonograph men, and I wanted to see them that passed with the cigar in "Car full" - that would not stop. Finally I went on to the Lackawanna - and got a train at 12-35 but you see that did

not give me time, as that car was not on time, - & I got to the Penn. Station at 1 - but the Cake - & the gas all - you must have made a gay party, and I was so disappointed for any thing to drink I had missed seeing you all - I expect you had a fine time in Washington. I was in at Mary's the night Thursday - and she said she had a postal from three from you. I was there for lunch, and then we went over to the Morgan collection - where Mrs Smith joined us - and then we all took dinner. Mary

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Mr Nichols - back and I with Mr & Mrs Smith at the Great-brothers - where they are living this winter. I had tea with Mary Lucie - John was in a week ago Sunday and we made him very welcome, for he had to fly to church right afterwards. Mr & Mrs Smith love Lucie, and Stanley made me a black rabbit, and some old fashioned scones which were delicious -, he is a great cook and I think I will have to take some lessons.

Well, what have you been doing with yourself since you returned home - I expect you have been very busy - catching up - there always seems to be such an accumulation after a few weeks - but I hope you found every thing in good shape, and all going nicely when you returned - Professor Lewis is back to after his year in N. Y. - and I hope he has enjoyed by this time. Mrs Eccles & he & him - for both very some weather, for we are

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which came at the rate of
Eighty miles an hour - it
was fierce I can tell you -
and I don't know the pilot
I know will melt before
next month 2 July - We
certainly have been making
up for the first part of
the winter. The Florida
family seem to be having a
fine time - I had a letter
from Blackie, telling about
their camping & pedestrian.
I am afraid I must have
seen the Mrs Ford - from
there snakes would have
about finished me -

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Do you think you will
join them, or are you
so comfortably fixed at home
now - you hate to pull
up again - but with your
new Immovation you ought
to do some travelling. Frank
just telephoned, he may
have to be in Chi on Thursday
a suit is coming up - that
he is only there for the day
so I don't think it will
pay me this trip to go
with him. Lee don't
until it get a little warmer

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How is Grace Reynolds - Hope
she comes again to see you -
give her my love when you
see her - and why don't you
go in and see Dick and Ella
when in Oakland - 1906 East 84th
is their address, and they
will love to have you -
Mlle. Gracie dear this is Monday
morning - and I have lots to
do - so I must stop - I am
going to put this in one
of Franks envelopes - as I have
no stamps, so don't you
dare - I'll hope to get an
answer to this with lots
of love to you - Adieu -

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[F5D04B], Letter from Grace A Miller to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, 1931

Title
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Editor's Notes
Supplied year

Author
Miller, Grace A

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Chautauqua Institution
- Osterhout, Olga
- Waymouth, Grace Cromwell
- Edison, Charles
- Miller, John Vincent
- Miller, Louise Igoe (Mrs Robert A.)
- Miller, Mary Emily
- Kellogg, John Harvey
- Hitchcock, Halbert Kellogg
- Edison, Thomas Alva
- Miller, Florence Nichols (Mrs John V.)

Date
1931-00-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Race, religion, ethnicity
- Reforms
- Stocks, bonds, and investments
- Health and medicine
- Economics

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Nina darling -

Instead of going to the beach where we have aimed many days & failed getting there at all. I am trying to write a bit - I notice a big improvement in my head when I try to write - it really is remarkable what diet can do - also the colon massages (amemas) do a lot - But that is digressing from the thought I had when I addressed you - I want to tell you how much & how often I think of what a darling you have been to me - and I have not said a word of thanks it seems for the last wonderful times I have had there with you -

Then your first lovely letter came (I am going to have it typed so each can have a copy) and we enjoyed it so much then your last one - Yes - Dr Kellogg received the boxes of fruit & spoke to me about them and seemed very happy over your thoughts of him.

It would be fine if you & Thomas could come over here now as by Wednesday I think practically everybody will be gone and just the two Miss Estelles (one the head dietician & very intelligent) and Dr Kellogg

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himself, with only the required assistants will be here — It would be quiet and you could get the best attention. It has been rumored he was closing this "hotel" part of it the first of May but last night he told me it would be open for anyone who wanted it — I have not asked him yet what the charges would be for training someone. But keep your bowels cleaned with aenemas and drink plenty of orange juice. Eat green vegetables & relishes — savita soup — & savita (as pepper) on things — take your massage & & cabinet baths occasionally & rest. Relax read & enjoy life — who has a better right to a little time for that than both you dears!?

Thanks for Louise's Easter card to me. I think John & Florence are doing right & it is what John wants. I think. I am so glad Olga seems to be so happy & pleasant for all concerned — give my love to them all. I must write her myself. I am glad Madeleine will be near you this summer.

I am glad you seemed to be getting pleasure from the Plant Kahanga. It is wonderful how much pleasure one can get from plant life if allowed to become interested — The Colored "Boy Scout" idea is a good one —

It is too bad about the bank ~~fool~~ closing. I do hope the country is not going to have that kind of thing to face on top of the rest. I am sorry for Mrs Crutcher. She wrote us a long letter about the lots + houses there but I do not feel like doing anything of that kind I am entirely too unsettled in my own mind to think of pinning myself to any special locality - just at this moment I feel more like being gypsy-like + keep roving - then again I want my own four walls of home + I think as Grace Weymouth says - "Truly there is nothing like the feeling of your own four walls around you for a comfort + protection" But of course she has no sisters + does not realize what a comfort they can be. And I thank God for them every day - I do hope dear Thomas is not going to continue to feel the heat but will get accustomed to it - I wish we could do some thing to help you. (I did not mean to write on the under side of this paper)

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I am having a cook book mailed to you to-day — and I hope you will enjoy it down here.

Returning to Mrs Crutcher I wish you would choose a pretty Roman Striped rug for me & have her send it to me — Tell her to send the bill for that, & what else I owe her, to me in Pittsburgh. I am sorry for her — and I can use the rug — that may help a bit in disposing of one more article —

It would be lovely if we could be together more just quietly by ourselves — But if you were here, Mina dear, & taking treatments you have no time at all hardly. The time is so broken into. I seem to have no time for anything.

Mina dear while it is quiet for once & I seem to have a minute — how would it do, as to the Chautauqua matter, for you to take over from me say #15 000.00 of my #35 000.00 in the warehouse (more or less as you feel) and I could better manage to get the rest for the contribution. It

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occurred to me this morning that if you could manage it or wish to arrange it you could give this to Charles after buying it from me (you know Hal & I took over the whole of Edward's share to get it back into the family & paid $35000 for it with our good stocks) it would give Charles a direct interest in it - You know this 8th share ($35000) stood in Hal's name tho' it was mostly paid for by my own money - He always backed me in what I wanted to do & I wanted to do this for the family - I was worried me to have the uncertain complications of having outsiders in this matter we had to work & develop. I hope Charles feels fine & fit after his great victory & that he will come to the warehouse & take a vital interest in it - I can always meet him over there & could have my car there so I could help him about & in any way I can. If the times ever become good & we can tide this over I feel it may become a very valuable piece of property. We just had one very fine month which made Hal & me very happy, when the depression came - and it really has held its own just as well if not better than many other good things.

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If you could take say #15.000 of the #35 000 I told that would leave #10.000 for me to raise for Chautauqua in other ways and then I could make my pledge to you of #25 000 for Chautauqua good + do it not- at least from here this moment the difference in the obligation I would incur makes it look more hopeful to me. At any rate when you want the thousand dollars which would be the interest from the #25 000 = I assumed you can have it. Just speak the word + I will arrange the sending it to you - + where do you want it sent?

I will look up that paper with the notes I jotted down as soon as I get home and then you can weave it in — I thought I might have it here but I do not find it — Now, Mina dear, as to the above, don't let that bother you - it is not at all necessary to do it that way at all - the additional idea of Charles having stock direct occurred to me this morning + it gives one a little prestige, tho' in this case it is not necessary, to own stock in the business you are directing. If you

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I think well of the idea — very good — if not don't think any more about it —
Then, too, as soon as we are sure that the hotel matter is firmly settled — it seems to me we could take up the matter of applying that to the $100,000 gift. I don't see why it would not be very nice and I should think the trustees & all would like it —
Good bye, Wilma dear. don't think Mary & I are loafing altogether — We hardly see each other all day as we are in different parts taking our treatments & I will feel as if I were on a vacation when we start north & don't have to take our Aenemas — tho' I am going to try to continue them regularly. Temperature should be 110° if you can take them so. Why don't you try to take one regularly every night. You should take 2 qts of water with 2 heaping tablespoons of lacto-dextrin dissolved in the first one & then repeat until bowels are clean. Two are generally sufficient tho at B.C. Michigan they gave me three.
Must go now — (worse luck!) as we are going to a little tea — Heart full of love to you & love to Bogie
Grace.

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[F5D04C], Letter from Charles Arthur Carlisle to Grace A Miller, November 29th, 1931

Title
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Author
Carlisle, Charles Arthur

Recipient
Miller, Grace A

Mentioned

- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Hitchcock, Halbert Kellogg
- Studebaker, Anne, (Mrs Charles Carlisle)
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
Letter

Subject

- TAE friends and associates
- TAE death and funeral

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CHARLES ARTHUR CARLISLE
POST OFFICE BOX 677
SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

Dear Grace - I have thought of you and all your family so often since Mrs Edison's death and know you stand by doing all your loving heart and support and willing hands do - It was a great trial for Mrs Edison and for you - but your comfort and consolation was that of experience, you know - and to me it was known that he must have the experience - My love and sympathy was with you - I wanted to be there but as you know Eleanor and I were in Atlanta and I did not think it best to leave - Your dear thoughts were with us on Thanksgiving day and you flo remind brought you into our thoughts so we were not far away - I want to thank you dear Grace for thinking of us and for your telegram - and I hope you are rested and again feeling allright - If ever come out to us, and we will look after you - Anne + Lafayette and their two children came up from Greenwich Indiana and Charles + Marjorie and their two lovely daughters were at - Woodman - Edison and the Children - We had us for dinner and two big turkeys on at each end of the table - & we feasted and thought of you loved ones - at your thanks - We are all well and send love

Sincerely
C. A. Carlisle.

Sunday
Nov 29/31